

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 HONG K 04405 080600Z
ACTION HA-05

INFO OCT-01 EA-10 IO-13 ISO-00 VO-05 CIAE-00 SSO-00
/034 W

-----054452 080610Z /13

O P 080537Z APR 78
FM AMCONSUL HONG KONG
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9806
USMISSION GENEVA IMMEDIATE
INFO AMEMBASSY SINGAIJN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY
INS/CO WASHDC PRIORITY
INS LOS ANGELES PRIORITY
IN REGIONAL OFFICE SAN PEDRO PRIORITY
INS HONOLULU PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY MANILA
AMEMBASSY MANILA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE HONG KONG 4405

EO: N/A
TAGS: SREF IPP-78
SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN VESSEL SOS. STOVE APPARENTLY WILL LAND
ITS 71 REFUGEES IN HONG KONG OR MACAU

REF: HONG KONG 4283

1. REFTTEL REPORTED THAT HONG KONG IMMIGRATION DEPT (HKID) REFUSED
PERMISSION TO NORWEGIAN FLAG VESEL JOHANNESBURG STOVE TO LAND 71
INDOCHINA BOAT CASE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG. LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA WAS NEXT PORT OF CALL AND IT APPEARED THAT VESSEL MIGHT
HAVE PORCEDED TO LOS ANGELES.

2. CAPTAIN ON BOARD VESSEL STRONGLY DISSENTED FROM ADVICE PROCEED
ONWARDS AND HAS BROUGHT VESSEL CLOSE TO HONG KONG WATERS. HE INFOR-
MED SHIP AGENT HERE THAT HE FEARS FOR SAFETY OF TANKER (FULLY LOADED
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 HONG K 04405 080600Z

WITH OIL) WITH 71 REFUGEES ON BOARD FOR 14 DAY TRIP ACROSS
PACIFIC WAND THAT VESSEL NOT EQUIPED WITH SUFFICIENT SLEEPING
SPACE, MEDICINE, FOOD AND WATER FOR THAT TRIP.

3. CONGEN HAS LEARNED THAT UNHCR, BRITISH MISSION IN GENEVA
AND NORWEGIAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN HONG KONG HAVE ALL APPEALED
TO HKID TO REVERSE ITS DECISION. HKID NOW REVIEWING SITUATION AND

MAY INDEED DECIDE TODAY TO ALLOW REFUGEES TO LAND.

4. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MACAU HAS UNOFFICIALLY CONTACTED
NORWEGIAN CONSULATE GENERAL AND OFFERED ACCOMODATE THESE REFUGEES
SHOULD HKID MAINTAIN ITS NEGATIVE DECISION.

5. IT APPEARS CERTAIN THAT JOHANNESBURG STOVE WILL NOT RPT NOT
PROCEED TO LOS ANGELES WITH ITS 71 REFUGEES, BUT WILL BE ABLE LAND
THEM EITHER IN HONG KONG, OR FAILING THAT, IN MACAU. NORWEGIAN
CONSULATE GENERAL HAS REPEATED ITS PRIOR ASSURANCE THAT NORWAY
WILL RESETTLE THESE REFUGEES IF NECESSARY.
SHOESMITH

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEES, SEA RESCUES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 08 apr 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978HONGK04405
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780152-0104
Format: TEL
From: HONG KONG
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780478/aaaacodp.tel
Line Count: 74
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 87b3aab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION HA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 HONG KONG 4283
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 apr 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3030813
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: NORWEGIAN VESSEL SOS. STOVE APPARENTLY WILL LAND ITS 71 REFUGEES IN HONG KONG OR MACAU
TAGS: SREF, HK, VM
To: STATE GENEVA
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/87b3aab3-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014